

**DIAA FALL SPORTS STATE TOURNAMENT - 2022**  
**PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS FOOTBALL**

**GOOD AFTERNOON/EVENING! – Welcome Message**

On behalf of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA), we are pleased to welcome you to \_\_\_\_\_ (site) and the 2022 DIAA Football State Tournament \_\_\_\_\_ Round Game. We congratulate the coaches and athletes competing today for their outstanding performance during the regular season and wish them all continued success in the State Tournament. This game is being conducted according to the rules and regulations of the DIAA and NFHS playing rules.

**Sportsmanship Message**

Regardless of the outcome of today's/tonight's game, all players have proven their willingness to work and sacrifice in order to achieve excellence. We ask that as spectators, you consider the time and effort each of these teams, coaches and athletes have put forth. Cheer these young athletes, applaud them, but do not, through any of your actions, cause them to doubt the value of athletics and respect.

Officials role in today's/tonight's game is to ensure a safe playing environment while applying rules. Without them, this game would not be possible. Their knowledge and application of the rules are a result of years of study and continual participation in clinics that further refine their understanding of the game. We ask you, as players, coaches, students, parents and citizens, to demonstrate respect for officials and the education environment.

Please support your teams in a positive and sportsmanlike manner.

**Academic Recognition Message**

DIAA emphasis on education-based athletics is evident in how our student-athletes perform in the classroom. Throughout every round of our state championships, the DIAA will honor a student-athlete from each team who has performed above and beyond in the classroom.

Today/Tonight we recognize \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (school) and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (school). We would like to present them with a plaque by our Corporate Sponsor Crown Trophy of Glasgow. Congratulations again to \_\_\_\_\_ (name) and \_\_\_\_\_ (name).

### **Ball Sponsor Message**

The DIAA Football Committee would like to thank Wilson for their generous support of high school football in Delaware. The GST is the ball used for the DIAA Football Tournament. Wilson is proud to be the Football of the DIAA playoffs. We wish all the student athletes the best of luck during today's \_\_\_\_\_ round game.

### **Team and Officials Introductions**

Today's/Tonight's game will be between the visiting \_\_\_\_\_ (school/mascot) with a record of \_\_\_\_\_ and the home team \_\_\_\_\_ (school/mascot) with a record of \_\_\_\_\_.

Announce the coaches and team captains:

Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captains: \_\_\_\_\_.

Announce the Officials and their Association: Today's officials are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### **National Anthem**

Please remove all head wear and stand for the playing of our National Anthem.

Thank you and enjoy today's game.

### **Closing Statement Announcement – end of game**

The DIAA and \_\_\_\_\_ (host site) have enjoyed having you at today's/tonight's game and we look forward to having you as our guest at future events. Please drive safe. Good Day/Evening/Night.

# **DIAA STATE TOURNAMENT APPROVED GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Football 2022**

### **TIME OUT MESSAGES**

#### **Apparel Announcement Message (Time Out #1) play music or band plays if announcement ends before time out**

DIAA State Tournament apparel can be purchased at Marketing Special Promotions table online. Marketing Special Promotions is the provider of all DIAA tournament merchandise. Visit [grrteesmsp.com](http://grrteesmsp.com) (grrteesmsp.com) for more information.

#### **NFHS Bench Bad Behavior Campaign (Time Out #2) play music or band plays if announcement ends before time out**

High school sports would not be possible without high school officials, so please be respectful to the hardworking officials serving today's athletic event. And if you think you have what it takes to make the big calls, sign up today at High School Officials dot com ([HighSchoolOfficials.com](http://HighSchoolOfficials.com))

### **END OF QUARTER MESSAGES**

#### **End of Quarter 1 play music or band plays if announcement ends before time out Announce Score**

#### **American Lung Association Announcement Message**

American Lung Association is an official partner of the 2022-2023 DIAA Championships. DIAA is proud to be a recipient of the Delaware Division of Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Community Contract. Funding for the Contract is provided by the Delaware Health Fund and managed by the American Lung Association in Delaware. To provide parents with a simple roadmap to address the dangers of vaping with kids, "Get Your Head Out of the Crowd" has free educational resources including a conversation guide, which can be found here, [TalkAboutVaping.org](http://TalkAboutVaping.org).

#### **DIAA Salute**

The DIAA salutes its nearly twenty eight thousand student athletes participating in nineteen sports. We cheer for them in the game and in the classroom.

#### **Sportsmanship Announcement #1**

Remember to set an example for those competing in today's event and show respect for all those present for this event. DIAA reminds you to sport a winning attitude – on the field and court and in the stands.

#### **End of Quarter 2 Announce Score**

#### **Halftime Messages (play music or band plays if announcement ends before half time)**

##### **Mid-Atlantic Dairy Announcement Message**

DIAA has partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association and has designated Chocolate Milk as the beverage of all DIAA State Tournaments. Do your body a favor – Refuel with chocolate milk! To get great nutrition tips please visit [AmericanDairy.com](http://AmericanDairy.com).

##### **Become an Official Announcement**

Our high schools in Delaware need officials. Give back to the sport you love, support the teenagers in your community and earn extra income, become a high school official. Apply online at [highschoolofficials.com](http://highschoolofficials.com) or contact the DIAA Office at 302-857-3365 for more information. That number is 857-3365.

### **Sportsmanship Announcement**

Ethics, integrity and respect are important values in our daily lives. On the field, court or track, these values are translated into a display of sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is one of the strongest educational lessons and lifetime values taught by school activities. Remember Sportsmanship – it's how you play the game. A message from Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association and \_\_\_\_\_ School.

### **DIAA Championships**

DIAA conducts 36 championships in 19 sports across three classifications and two divisions. For more information or to find a championship near you, visit [www.education.delaware.gov/diaa](http://www.education.delaware.gov/diaa).

### **NFHS Announcement** (Read twice during contest)

There are countless benefits to participating in high school sports and activities. The NFHS Play, Perform, Compete Together campaign highlights diverse stories and promotes participation in healthy lifestyles and athletic participation. Let's encourage safe competition in our education-based environment.

### **End of Quarter 3 play music or band plays if announcement ends before time out**

#### **NFHS Bench Bad Behavior Campaign**

Attention, fans! Bad behavior at today's athletic event will not be tolerated. Please keep it positive with officials, opponents, coaches and each other. Remember high school sports are about students learning and growing—not just winning. Let's all do our part to Bench Bad Behavior at our athletic events.

### **Social Media Announcement**

DIAA fans. To stay connected with all DIAA championships, follow us on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. Check out [www.education.delaware.gov/diaa](http://www.education.delaware.gov/diaa) for more information.

### **Sportsmanship Announcement**

The score of any athletic event is generally forgotten over time, but the actions of players, coaches and spectators are remembered. The next time you attend a high school game, think of how history will remember you. Good sportsmanship shows how to play the game. A message from the Delaware Athletic Association.

### **EXTRA DIAA ANNOUNCEMENT MESSAGES**

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#### **NFHSNetwork**

Fans are reminded that the broadcast and streaming rights when DIAA livestreams an event belong exclusively to the NFHS Network. When games are produced streaming an event is strictly prohibited. To watch live games please visit [NFHSNetwork.com](http://NFHSNetwork.com).